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Mayor

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DATE: February 15, 2017

TO: Honorable Myrtle Cole, Council President
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer 

SUBJECT: Appointments to Citizen's Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations

It is my pleasure to appoint Ms. Rachel Allen, Mr. Jay Bowser, Ms. Cynthia Chasan, Mr. James Halliday, Mr. Bob Ilko, Mr. Armand King, Mr. Joe LaCava, Mr. Brian Marvel, Ms. Deborah McKissack, and Mr. Alex Pelayo, Mr. Brian Pollard, and Ms. Norma Sandoval to the Citizen's Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations. It is also my pleasure to appoint Mr. Brian Pollard as the Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations.

Ms. Allen, a Pacific Beach resident, has been a tireless asset to her local community as she has served on numerous boards focusing on police and community relations. She has served as a block captain in the Pacific Beach Neighborhood Watch Organization, and is a member of the SDPD Northern Division's Captain's Advisory board. Ms. Allen also serves on the Pacific Beach Crime Watch and on the board of the Pacific Beach Town Council.

Mr. Bowser, a Chula Vista resident, is a San Diego entrepreneur that has started and has founded multiple businesses from a media company focusing on developing local artists and promoters, to a mid-sized printing and marketing services business that served the west coast region. Most recently he has served as the CFO of Paving Great Futures, an organization founded to provide at risk youth with financial education, entrepreneurial skills, life skills and hospitality management local at risk youth. Mr. Bowser focuses on maintaining the organization's budget, and leads their CHAMP program, instructing courses focused on financial education and entrepreneurship.

Ms. Chasan, a La Jolla resident, is a physician and surgeon and has worked in a variety of hospitals and clinics in San Diego. She has a strong background in community service, including service as a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator in La Jolla, SDPD Northern Division Captain's Advisory Board, and service in a variety of positions on the Barber Tract Neighborhood Association. Ms. Chasan received her M.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and her undergrad from University of California, Davis.

Mr. Halliday, a Banker's Hill/Park West resident, is an entrepreneur, innovator and marketing strategist. Most recently he has served as the Program Director for Education Synergy Alliance, a San Diego based program that brings together a group of educators, business leaders, community members and innovators to identify small, isolated successes in our schools, and scale those to improve our school system. He is active in his community through a variety of local leadership and innovation sector commitments including the Board and Commissions Leadership Institute, RISE Urban Leadership Fellows Program and LRNG San Diego.

Mr. Ilko, a Scripps Ranch resident, has a strong background in serving his local community with more than 25 years' experience working with all levels of government. He has served on the Scripps Ranch Civic Association, the Scripps Ranch Planning Board, and has founded and served in one of the largest neighborhood watch programs in San Diego County. Mr. Ilko has an educational background in Public Safety and has graduated from the San Diego regional Public Safety Training Institute and the Certified Law Enforcement Peace Officer Training Academy. He has served as a San Diego Police Officer with significant training in a variety of public safety issues.

Mr. King is an advocate and consultant for developing professional skills for former gang members, sex trafficking victims and felons. Most recently he has served as a Gang and Human Sex Trafficking Consultant for the Junior League of San Diego, and provided expert information for "Measuring the Nature and Extent of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in San Diego", a groundbreaking study in San Diego. Mr. King has been active in the community developing outreach-based support for former gang members and convicts, and has served as a mentor and councilor to local at-risk youth and young adults and juveniles on probation or in incarceration.

Mr. LaCava, a La Jolla resident, is the sole practitioner of LaCava Consulting where he draws on 30 years of experience to provide a variety of different services from permitting to community advocacy on land use management projects. He has an extensive background in public service to the City of San Diego, having served on numerous boards and committees dedicated to land development, major policy decisions and maintenance of existing assets. Mr. LaCava has served on the City of San Diego Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, The City of San Diego Underground Utility Advisory Committee, among others, and has worked on significant projects such as the Coast & Canyons Plan, the Waverly Gate Project and others.

Mr. Marvel has served nearly 20 years in San Diego Public safety. Before joining the San Diego Police Officers Association (SDPOA) in 2009, he served 10 years as an officer at the SDPD in a variety of roles. Mr. Marvel has since served as the President of the SDPOA representing more than 1,850 members, and is currently serving his fourth term as president. He also serves as the president of Californians against Slavery and the San Diego-Imperial Counties chapter of Peace Officers Research Association of California, and as the treasurer of the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations.

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Ms. McKissack, a Memorial resident, is a retired health care professional with more than 25 years of experience in her field. Most recently she has served as the Clinical Operation Manager at the Sycuan Medical Dental Center where she managed and monitored quality improvement, policies and procedures and implemented appropriate corrective action for any care issues. Previous to this Ms. McKissack has served in various leadership roles in a variety of healthcare institutions with focuses ranging from oversight of operations to negotiation and management of contracts between healthcare providers and insurance companies.

Mr. Pelayo, a Chula Vista resident, is a Deputy Probation Officer with the County of San Diego. He started working in juvenile institutions, helping to build the Youthful Offender Unit, focusing on community safety and the rehabilitation of high risk violent offenders. He has since served as the probation officer for the county's adult drug court, where he has worked to proactively address the needs of drug-addicted probationers, their families and the community through prevention, collaboration and cooperative problem solving.

Mr. Pollard, a Valencia Park resident, has more than 30 years of human resources experience working for a variety of companies. He has most recently served as President of the Urban Collaborative Project, an organization focused on working with the underserved communities of San Diego from a resident-driven approach. He has collaborated with local minority communities in the redistricting effort that resulted in the formation of District Nine, ensuring the growing Latino community has appropriate representation on the San Diego City Council. Mr. Pollard has served on the Encanto Planning group, the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee, the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils, and has served as the Director of Economic Development for the NAACP, among other community engagement roles.

Ms. Sandoval, an Encanto resident, has a 20-year career in the San Diego education system, and currently as a Principal in the Lemon Grove School District. She has received many awards and accreditations, including California Civic Leadership Award, a recipient of one of nine given statewide. Ms. Sandoval is very active in her local community, and has experience engaging through the San Diego Organizing Project, the Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee, and serves as a mentor through the MANA & Hermanitas mentorship program.

I am confident each of these individuals will bring invaluable experience and expertise to the Citizen's Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations and I would like to thank them for their willingness to serve in this capacity.

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